**SUCCESSFUL BIBLE SCHOOL AT MT. AIRY**

Vacation Bible School at Mt. Airy Baptist Church held last week was very successful. Thirty-eight children attended and all enjoyed the week and learned a lot of new things about the Bible.

The theme for the week was "I'm His, He's Mine." Earnest Humbles served as director for the week and said this was his first time to take on anything like this but he really enjoyed working with the teachers and children. Teachers were Mrs. Mary Phenix, Mrs. Virginia Megginson, Mrs. Rosa Humbles, Mrs. Anne Jones and Mrs. Ida Lewis. Deacon Percy Johnson is Superintendent of Sunday School and Rev. H. W. Pryor if pastor of the church.

## Believe in Children

Dr. William L. Trimyer

One of our nation's most precious commodities is children. Children are the backbone of our nation's future. What we do with our children and youth now, will determine the course of society's future.

Many adults are critical of children and youth. Some adults find it difficult to give responsibility to youth, charging that youth tend to be irresponsible. Some adults even laugh at youth and refuse to take them seriously. Adults should never laugh at youth; they are only trying on one face after another in order to find their own.

"I wish, "grumbles an old shepherd in the story of **The Winter's Tale,** "that there was no age between ten and twenty, or that youth would sleep during these years."

The old shepherd's attitude is not too unlike our own, perhaps. If youth did sleep during these growing years the households around the world would certainly be a lot more quiet! But this is not the answer.

We need our children and the fresh vision of youth. To ignore what children have to teach us is to miss out on some of life's greatest rewards. Of course, we have to believe in children and be willing to learn from them.

Jesus was a great believer in children. He derived a deep sense of joy from their presence. He held them on his lap and cuddled them. He also warned those who would harm children. He said, "Whoever receives a child in my name receives me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone tied around his neck and cast into the sea" (Matthew 18:5-6).

Notice the phrase "whoever receives a child in my name receives me . . ." Wouldn't it be grand if children were received in His name? Unfortunately, children in our society are often abused and exploited. Those who use children in pornographic films and literature are sick! There are those who see the child as a highly lucrative market. Children are seen as prime targets to sell junk foods and toys. Through deceit and outright manipulation, some in the business world exploit young minds.

The discovery of children as persons with needs and rights has been a long and tragically slow process. In some parts of the world the process has hardly begun! In our own country we see the manipulation of young migrant workers, as well as the poor conditions under which many children suffer. It is a gross mark on society and a sad commentary on our country when we allow the needs of children to go unnoticed and unmet.

Jesus also said, "Do not hinder the children from coming to me . . ." We may ask, "Who in his right mind would hinder a child to come to Jesus? No One! Sadly, that is not the case. We may hinder children in any number of ways. We adults may make Christ unattractive or consider Jesus as someone tremendously u n i m p o r tant compared to other interests. By our attitudes and prejudices towards other people we may hinder the children.

Children are abused in various ways. One way is physical abuse. While serving as a chaplain at MCV I saw numerous cases of children who were brutally beaten. I saw one four year old child who was beaten to death with a stick by his step-father.

We are painfully aware for the children in our country and around the world who suffer from disease, deformities, and hunger. The poverty and slum conditions in some of our major cities is deplorable. Such places produce sick children, delinquent children, and depressed children.

There is also the problem of psychological or emotional abuse. Many children live in negative and hostile home environments where parents are constantly putting them down. Some parents spend more time pointing out the negative qualities of their children, rather than affirming what is good and positive about them. Tell a child long enough that he or she is no good and after awhile they will begin to believe it themselves.

Many children carry the scars of emotional retardation because of their parent's negative and hostile attitude. Some children might be better off had they not been born, then to be living in the homes they presently live in. The truth of the matter is that some children are emotionally battered by non-caring and non-feeling parents.

Another form of abuse is sexual abuse. Many childrer suffer the humiliating trauma of sexual abuse by a parent, step-guardian, or neighbor. Unless such children enjoy an open relationship with parents or guardians, they must be forced to live in silent resignation and suffer alone. There are too many children who are sexually abused and who cannot report such abuse out of fear of parents of the person who abuses them.

The gragedy of such sexual abuse is that children must live with the hell of bearing that burden alone unless they have someone to share the trauma with. They may also grow up with unhealthy attitudes and feelings about their sexuality. They may go for years without understanding the emotional dynamics of their struggles to relate sexually to another human being. The end results of sexual abuse are legion.

Another from of abuse practiced in our society is that of spiritual abuse. In many churches children are spiritually put down and taught from the cradle that he or she is bad. God is often pictured as an angry father who is out to whip those who will not be good. The Christian faith is often portrayed to children and youth as a system of "thou shalt nots," rather than a way of life that brings wholeness and goodness.

Some ministers actually frighten children with their negative, hostile manner in the pulpit. Some of the author's earliest memories of being in church are negative ones. I can recall how some ministers used to scare me in to conforming to what they believed I should be.

Sadly, a negative atmosphere in the church can kill a child's enthusiasm for life, for knowing more about God, and for investing himself or herself in the church.

The abuses that children receive come in various forms and doses. To receive a child in Christ's name would be the highest social achievement. Children must be appreciated for the beauty they add to all of life. Children are more than a tax exemption or a number on the census bureau. The test of a society is what it does with its children and with its aged.

Believing in children is one of the greatest attitudes we can psss on to our children. Seeing them as persons of worth and with rights and needs is a tremendous need in our society.

Let us believe in children and adopt for ourselves some of their attitudes and characteristics.

Children are beautiful. They possess faith, love, and hopeful attitudes. They are excited by all the goodness that life has to offer. We as adults may learn from them. We can run with them through the tall grass, bow with them in worship, and hold them close to us when they are hurt or afraid.

Children are made of fragile dreams of yesterday, the blooming reality and challenge of today, and the vibrant stuff of tomorrow. No matter where you go, to towns, countryside, teeming cities, industrial slums, you will see God's beautiful flowers, struggling to become the beautiful, gifted creatures they are capable of becoming. May God forgive any human being who would hinder their journey to maturity. May God richly bless those who open the way for children to blossom!

## ROCKS

June 25 - Another big rain over the week end. Some hail on Friday afternoon. Saving wheat started Saturday, but delayed by the rain Sunday for a few days.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Alice Jackson at Evergreen Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith left Wednesday morning for Florida where they will be stationed. They will be greatly missed in the community here.

We regret to hear of the death of Bob Atkins of South Carolina last Tuesday.

Hubert Martin entered General Hospital on Tuesday and had surgery on Wednesday.

Ewart Welch went to the Emergency Room at Lynchburg General Hospital on Wednesday morning but returned home that afternoon.

The Adult Ladies Bible Sunday School Class was held on Thursday afternoon at the church. The attendance was very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Almond called to see Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Maxwell Jr. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Maxwell Sr. awhile one night last week.

Estelle Garette came home from the hospital on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond will return from Hawaii on Wednesday.

Quite a few others are on vacation.

Rev. W. H. Elder was welcomed to the pulpit at Rocks at both services on Sunday. A nice crowd was out at this time. In spite of the rain.

P. V. Lisa Mitchell of Maryland spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mitchell of Appomattox and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ranson of Pamplin.

Mrs. Ollie Elder spent a few days last week with her daughter Mrs. Margaret Payne at Powhatan.

Some of the B.Y.W.'s will serve lunch at the Baptist Center in Lynchburg for the Vacation Bible School children on Tuesday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Ranson who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary last week end in Scottesville.

Mrs. Margaret Marshall spent the week end with her son, James Douglas Marshall Sr. and attended the wedding of her grandson, James Douglas Marshall, Jr. to Rita Ferguson at Liberty Baptist Church of Appomattox Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

No Extension Meeting of the Rocks Club next week.

Elsie was in Pamplin awhile Monday morning.

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## HURTSVILLE NEWS

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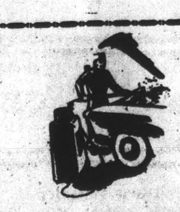


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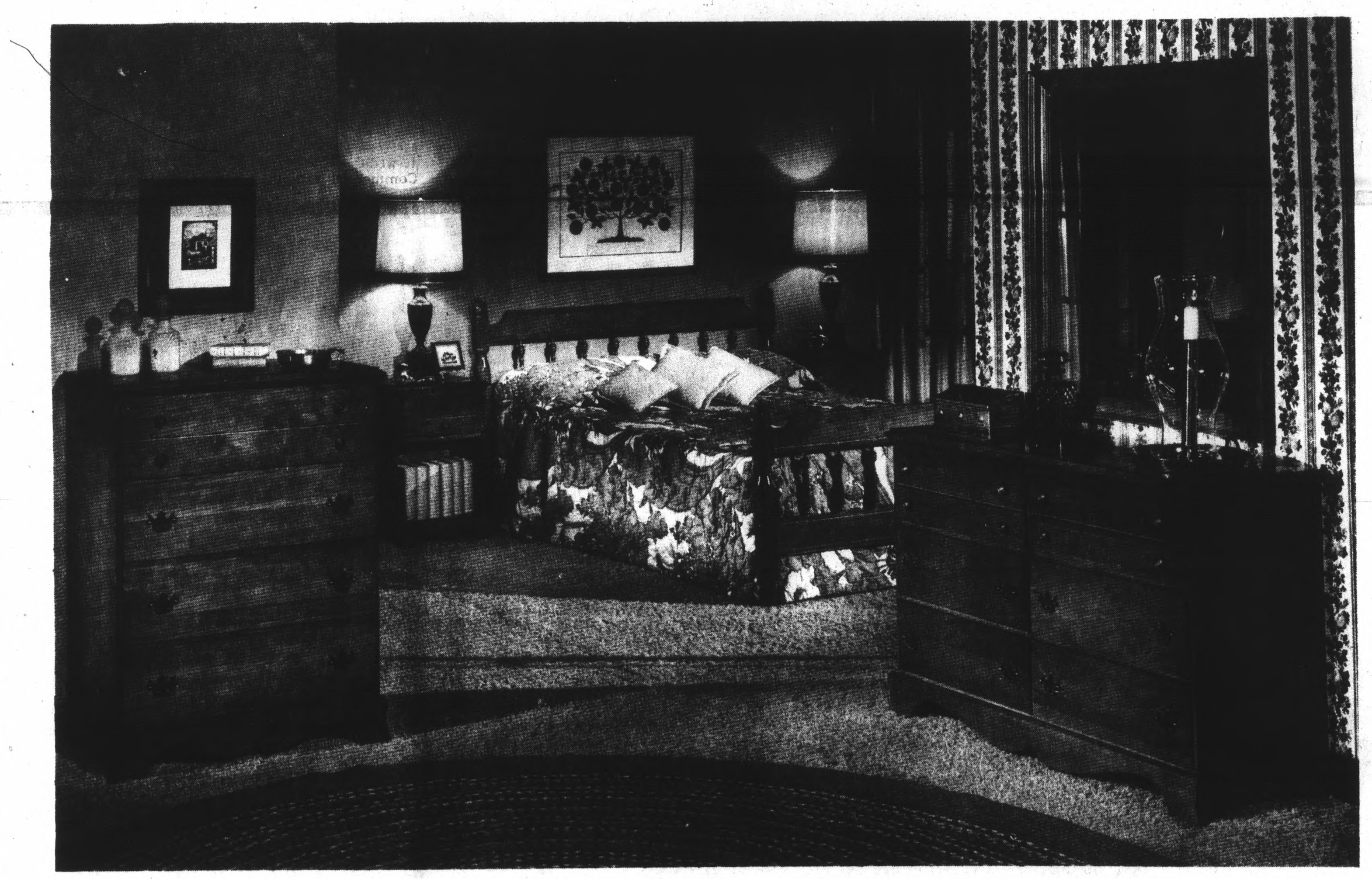


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## OBITUARIES

**Silas Wheeler**

EVERGREEN - Silas Wheeler was born in 1885 in Charlotte County, Virginia to Calvin and Titia Wheeler.

He joined Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in Appomattox County at an early age.

In 1910 he was married to Lora Watson. To this union was born one son, Silas Elwynn.

In 1925 he was married to Clara Smith. In 1952 he married Annie Abbott.

He lived in Bluefield, West Virginia for 33 years. While there he joined the Mount Zion Baptist Church. In 1954 he retired from the Norfolk and Western Railroad where he was a brakesman for 33 years.

Returning to Appomattox County in 1954, he joined the Morning Star Baptist Church. He made his home here until he departed this life June 21 at Medical Care Center Nursing Home.

He is survived by one son, Silas Elwynn, Sr., one daughter in law, Lillian Alberta, one grandson, Silas E. Jr. all of Charleston, W. Va., one granddaughter, Mrs. Eugenia Colston, Cleveland, Ohio, one step grandson, 2 step great grandsons, and a host of neices and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p.m. at the Morning Star Baptist Church with interment in the church cemetery.

West's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Chestnut Grove

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Carter of Burkeville were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Mrs. W. D. Taylor, Dave and Beth and Mary Linda Copeland, all of Holland spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris. Also visitors Sunday afternoon were West and Vickie Cole of Loomis, California and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan of Andersville.

Sarah Morris, Joy Crump and Sheila Tolbert are attending G. A. Camp at Camp Viewmont near Charlottesville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan attended the Pork Industry Committee meeting at Wintergreen Friday.

Roger Sprivey and Kyle Bryan were among those attending State 4-H Congress at VPI & SU last week. Allen Tolbert spent the week before last at Blacksburg.

Mary Linda Copeland and Beth Taylor, both of Holland, were Saturday overnight guest of Sarah Morris.

The regular W.M.S. meeting will be held Friday, June 29, at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Dott Bryan.

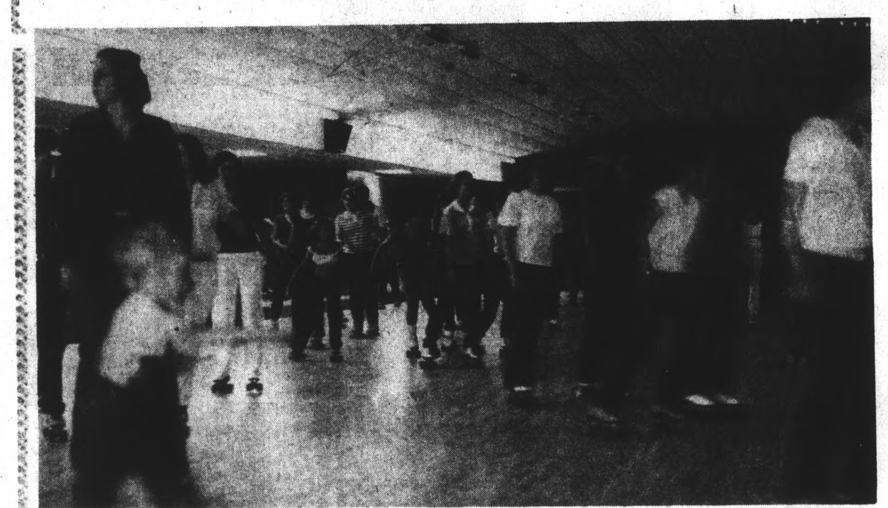
Ethel Proffitt was home for the week end from Ferrum.

The Fred Blunt family, from Christiansburg, had their family reunion this week end at The Christianburg Hunt Club near here.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and Kathy were Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chernault were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Morris.

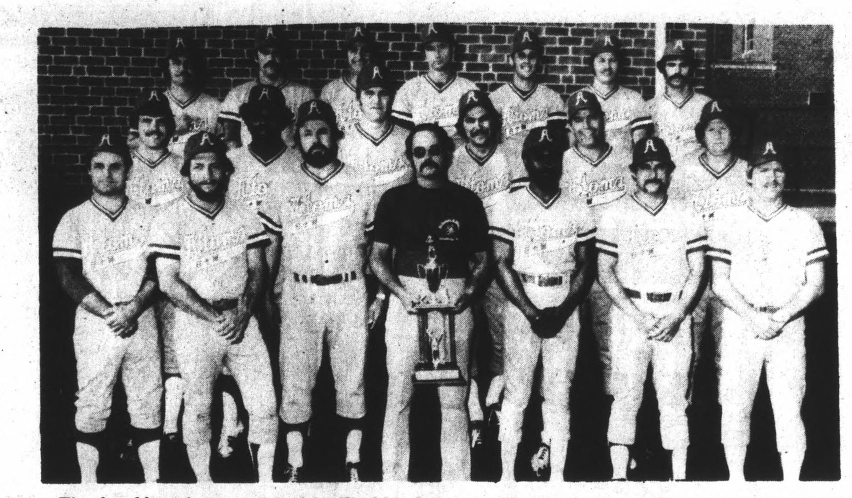
Aaaron Dudley, of Charlotte, N.C., spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris.



**Billy Winston Skate Night Big Success**

Delta Zeta Chapter members would like to thank A. J. Skateworld, the skaters and those who gave donations toward making this event a great success.

Over 300 skaters came out Monday night to support the Billy Winston Skate Night sponsored by the Delta Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.



**Five local boys have qualified for World Industrial softball tournament. They are Larry Moore, Wayne Doss, Donnie Ferguson, Robert Trent and C. D. Williamson,all employees at B&W. The tournament is to be held in St. Louis August 31-September 3. The team qualified by finishing second in Chesterfield tournament. Members of the club are, from left, front row, Ray Thomas, Craig Martin, manager Gerald Johnson, statistican Larry Banton, Ralph Callends, Donnie Ferguson of Appomattox, Larry Moore of Appomattox; middle row, from left, C. D. Williamson of Appomattox, Bobby Trent of Appomattox, Leonard Harris, Billy Gray, Phillip Clay, Sammy Holt; back row, from left, Preston Eagle, John Cash, Ronnie Eagle, Terry Dearing, Wayne Doss of Appomattox, Tiny Carter, Mike Floyd, Jerry Mann, not in picture, also is member of team.**

## B&W 'Atoms' Qualify for World

Babcock & Wilcox Atoms' second-place finish at Chesterfield was good enoujgh for a berth to the World Industrial Tournament, which will be held just outside St. Louis, Mo., the week end of August 31-September 3.

Only the winner at Chesterfield was to qualify for World, but Allied Chemical, the tournament winner, was already guaranteed a berth by being runnerup to Firestone of Akron, Ohio in last year's World Tourney.

On Saturday, April 28 the Atoms got things rolling with impressive wins over powerful Phillip Morris of Richmond 7 to 3 and later outlasting Allied Chemical 8 to 6 (the tournament favorite).

Sunday the Atoms and Hercules of Covington were the only undefeated teams left. The Atoms banged an early 16 to 4 over Hercules to keep its record perfect. Preston Eagle the Atom pitcher had allowed only 13 runs in 3 games. B&W then sat back to meet the winner of the loser bracket. Allied Chemical eliminated Phillip Morris and Hercules by narrow margins. This meant Allied with one loss would have to beat the Atoms twice. The longball hititng A.C.downed B&W two straight by scores of 12-8, 10-8. Woody Rhodes, the third baseman of Allied Chemical, was named MVP after hitting 12 round trippers.

The Atoms were led by Johnny Cash, 611 avg., 7 RBI's. Jerry Dearing and Craig Martin also plated 7 while Phillip Clay had 6.

Atom Manager Gerald Johnson was elated to qualify this early for the World Tourney.

Johnson said the team success was keyed by timely hits, alert base running, superb defense and a great team effort.

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**SAFETY FIRST - IN AN OPEN CANOE**

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Keep your toes up and your feet together, pointed downstream. NEVER try to stand up in fast water unless it is too shallow for swimming. After the heaving line is tossed, the rescuer should belay it around a tree or boulder if possible. Practice rescue skills.

When striking an obstruction sideways is inevitable, lean the canoe downstream but don't get caught between the canoe and the obstruction. When you approach obstructions, set your course well in advance. Know how to approach and if in doubt, scout from shore.

When other streams join the main stream, there can be strong crosscurrents, sandbars, debris, etc. Alternate put-in point or if you have survived the hazards this far, you may want to make this a take-out point. Remember river current is usually faster on the outside of a bend and it also spirals down to the bottom. Be aware that upstream V's indicate rocks. Downstream V's with haystacks indicate gaps between rocks. Think ahead. Set your course well in advance and know your approach. Use a back stroke in standing waves. Set stern toward desired shore. Secure equipment and carry trash out with you.

Remember if you're not prepared to swim it, don't canoe it.

When paddling canoes outfitted with seats on rough water, always kneel. Kneeling always concentrates the bulk of your weight toward the bottom of the canoe thereby increasing the craft's stability. This will tend to increase control also, but if a marked increase in control over the canoe is desired, install thigh straps. To increase comfort, install knee pads in conjunction with the thigh straps. To increase safety, install additional buoyancy in the canoe in the form of close-cell foam blocks or inflated inner tubes.

Essential to any river paddler, wheather a canoeist, kayakist, or rafter, are certain basic padding skills that will enable him to proceed down a stretch of easy rapids with confidence. It cannot be stressed too strongly that beginners an dnovices should learn and practice these skills under competent supervision. Competent supervision is most easily obtained by enrolling inà formal course of instruction or by joining a paddling club.

For further information, you are asked to contact W. R. Britton, Jr., Emergency Services Coordinator for Appomattox County.

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